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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

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Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop Petitions Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

## 1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. 🛮	Submission previously submitted			
	i.		Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on	
	ii.	0	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed	
	iii.	0	Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on	

1	b. <b>[X]</b>	Submission enclosed			
		i. [] Amendment/Reply			
		ii. [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
		iii. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)					
l		Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months.			
3. Accompanying Papers					
1	[X]	Postcard			
	[X]	Check			
	[X]	Fee Transmittal Sheet			
	[X]	Petition			
4. Deposit Account					
1	[X]	The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.			
		Respectfully submitted,			
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